Dewan.—

It is not possible to do so either with the present establishment or with any special establishment however costly.

Mr. Mallaiya.—

Will the Government collect and furnish information as to the number of applications for village extensions received and disposed of since the year 1915?

Dewan.—

The matter is under investigation.

MR. G. DEVOJI RAO (Seringapatam Municipality), MESSRS. S. C. MALLIAH AND M. C. LINGEGOWDA (Mandya Taluk).—

Q.—12. Will the Government be pleased to give information on the following.—

(1) The total number of centres into which the scheme of Elementary education has been introduced ever since its inception?

(2) What is the total number of boys in the State who came under the operation of the Regulation during the years 1921-22, 1922-23 and 1923-24?

(3) What is the total number of boys of compulsory age actually receiving instruction?

(4) How many Attendance Officers have been nominated and how many elected by the several committees?

(5) How many non-official gentlemen have been nominated as Attendance Officers?

(6) What is the percentage of boys receiving instruction to the total number of boys of school-going age in Taluk Centres where the non-official gentlemen were Attendance Officers and what is the percentage in places where the Head Masters were the Attendance Officers during the preceding three years?

(7) How many prosecutions were instituted throughout the State during those three years?

(8) Is the Government aware that there is a lull in the activities of the Attendance Officers in compelling boys to attend schools and that the Regulation is not being worked satisfactorily?

(9) Is it under the contemplation of Government to revive the activities in connection with the scheme and infuse spirit into non-official public by nominating active and enthusiastic gentlemen as Attendance Officers in preference to the Head Masters?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) 238.

(2) The information is not available.

(3) 32,938 (on the 30th June 1924).

(4) The Attendance Officers of all committees are nominated and the rules do not provide for the election of such officers.

(5) One.

(6) The comparative statistics required have not been collected.

(7) 1921-22	.. .	....	72
1922-23	....	....	44
1923-24	....	....	30
	Total	....	146

(8) Yes.

(9) The working of the Compulsory Education Scheme is being examined and necessary measures will be adopted for improving the same on receipt of the report called for from the Inspector-General of Education. The suggestion of the members will be duly considered in passing orders.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. G. Devoji Rao.—

Will Government consider the question of reviving the system of electing Attendance Officers for Elementary Schools instead of nomination being made in this behalf?

Chief Secretary.—

The member's infomration does not appear to be correct. The rules contemplate only nominations.

Mr. Devoji Rao.—

Why are non-officials not nominated as Attendance Officers?

Chief Secretary.—

Non-officials do not come forward and for this reason, the Head Master himself is appointed as Attendance Officer. If any of the local people should come forward, the Inspector-General of Education will be quite prepared to appoint them.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer.—

Is the working of the Compulsory Education Scheme being examined by the Inspector-General himself or by any Committee and do Government propose to give an opportunity to this Assembly to discuss the scheme before final orders are passed?

Dewan.—

The proposals in regard to the revision of the scheme will be referred in the first instance to the Education Board of the Economic Conference and along with the Inspector-General's recommendations thereon will be discussed in this Assembly before the Compulsory Education Act is finally passed.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer.—

Will the recommendations of the Inspector General of Education in the matter be also published in the Gazette and would it be possible to discuss the whole scheme at the next October Session of this Assembly?

Dewan.—

The suggestions will be noted.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

In view of the fact that the working of Elementary Schools is not satisfactory with the Head Master as Attendance Officer, will Government consider how non-official Attendance Officers can be secured?

Dewan.—

Government will see how it can be done.

MESSRS. M. SUBBA RAO AND DASE GOWDA (Heggaddevankote Taluk).—

Q.—13. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) When did the Government direct that a part of the income from the sandal trees growing on private holdings should be given to the holder of the land?